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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MC MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATIONS FOR SYRIA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY APPROVED SEVERAL PENDING APPLICATIONS -- ALL FOR MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS -- FOR SYRIA, INCLUDING:

A) MOTOROLA APPLICATION FOR PORTABLE BASE/REPEATER VULCAN STATION, AND RELATED VULCAN PORTABLE RADIO AND SPARES, TOTALING ABOUT U.S. DOLS 458 THOUSAND. END USER IS OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, DAMASCUS. APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED IN AUGUST 1977, AND APPROVED SEPT. 1977.  
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B) HARRIS/RF COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FOR 30 RF-301A (AN/GRC-165) RADIO TRANCEIVERS, VALUED AT ABOUT U.S. DOLS 475 THOUSAND FOR THE SYRIAN ARMY. THESE ARE SAME KIND OF RADIOS THAT DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR SAME END USER IN 1974. HARRIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN PENDING SINCE FEB. 1976, AND ISSUED SEPT. 1977.

2. WE ARE DISPOSED TO APPROVE TWO ADDITIONAL:

A) BRISTOL ELECTRONICS, INC. APPLICATION REQUESTING ADVISORY  
OPINION ON SELLING AN/PRC-77 IN KIT FORM TO GOVERNMENT OF  
SYRIA, PENDING SINCE JUNE 1977.

B) CINCINNATI ELECTRONICS REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION  
ON SELLING UP TO 5,000 N/PRC-77'S SUBMITTED IN KIT  
FORM TO SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA. (APPLICATION  
ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED IN SEPT. 1975.) WE ARE IN PROCESS  
OF CONFIRMING THAT CINCINNATI IS STILL INTERESTED.

3. SINCE COMPANIES ARE IN COMPETITION DEPARTMENT PRO-  
POSES TO GIVE BOTH BRISTOL AND CINCINNATI POSITIVE  
ADVISORY OPINION AT SOME TIME.

4. THESE APPROVALS DO NOT PORTEND CHANGE IN USG POLICY  
ON US MILITARY SALES TO SYRIA; RATHER THEY REPRESENT  
CONTINUITY OF POLICY OF APPROVAL OF NON-SENSITIVE  
MATERIAL IN MODEST QUANTITIES FOR FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT.  
IN BOTH OF ABOVE INSTANCES, THERE PRECEDENT OF PREVIOUS  
APPROVAL OF SAME OR COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT. IN INSTANCE  
OF PRC-77, WE ARE IN PART GUIDED BY FACT THAT  
DEPARTMENT RECENTLY APPROVED TWO SEPARATE US COMMERICAL  
CO-PRODUCTION PROPOSALS FOR EGYPT ON SAME RADIO. VANCE  
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